Rhode Island Interscholastic League

ANNUAL REPORT
2005-2006

Rhode Island Interscholastic League
Mission Statement

The mission of the RI Interscholastic league is to provide its member schools governance, leadership, and support for interscholastic athletics which gives student athletes opportunities to compete in an environment that stresses education, sportsmanship, integrity, and safety.

Core Values

We believe:

• Athletics is an integral part of education in our schools
• Interscholastic athletics is a privilege that enhances the education of students
• Leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship, and scholarship are essential parts of athletics
• Athletics is an enjoyable experience which fosters valuable life lessons.
• All member schools have the opportunity to be represented and are accountable to the standards of the RIIL.
• Fostering a professional relationship among its colleagues is a responsibility of the RIIL.

Vision Statement

The RIIL is an organization with high standards for its member schools, student athletes, and constituencies. Through professional collegiality the league advocates and promotes the value of interscholastic athletics. The league provides athletic experiences that enable student athletes to reach their highest level of academic and athletic potential and prepares them to become responsible citizens.
The Rhode Island Interscholastic League was established in 1932. It is a voluntary, private, incorporated, non-profit organization of principals who pledge their high schools and participants to follow the Rules and Regulations of the league.

There are fifty-five (55) public, private, and parochial high schools that make up the membership. These schools sponsor athletic activities in twenty-eight (28) sports. Over twenty thousand (20,000) young men and women compete annually in thousands of competitions.

The purpose of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is to supervise and administer the athletic programs, contests, schedules and matters related to participating schools in the State of Rhode Island.
GOVERNING PROCESS OF THE RIIL

The legislative body of the League is the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, which consists of principals/assistant principals of the fifty-five (55) member high schools. The Committee meets on a monthly basis. All meetings are open to the public and anyone who wishes may attend.

Standing Committees are appointed by the Chairperson of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics with the approval of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics. Standing Committees are established for each sport. Others are established to address issues of general concern to the RIIL membership and to plan programs/activities for the members.

Membership on standing committees is open to superintendents, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, game officials and physicians. Recommendations are made by these committees to help the Principals’ Committee on Athletics set rules and regulations and to provide programs for its schools.
League Finances

Revenues generated from tournament ticket sales, corporate sponsors, and dues and fees make up the majority of the League's operating budget, which is approved annually by the Principal's Committee on Athletics. The League does not receive any state appropriations.

In addition, the League pays for:

- Liability and accident insurance for League sponsored tournaments
- Medals and Plaques for students participating in League Tournaments
- Programs for students, and coaches

### Revenue 2005-2006

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2005-2006 Program Expenses

- 28% Fees $80,818.00
- 11% Supervision $32,282.00
- 12% Awards $34,568.00
- 49% Playoffs $139,188.00
Total $286,856.00

2005-2006 Admin Expenses

- 65% Salaries & Benefits $274,014.00
- 26% Operations $100,260.00
- 4% Mtgs & Conferences $16,113.00
- 4% Hall of Fame $13,838.00
- 1% Strategic Plan $3,620.00
Total $380,845.00
League Services to Member Schools

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a service organization providing its member schools with publications, training opportunities, recognition programs, tournaments, rules interpretation meetings, and other services that assist in the administration of interscholastic sports.

Communications

The League publishes or posts on its website and in its monthly bulletin.

Athletic Rules and Regulations, includes the bylaws and regulations for the RIIL.

Tournament Programs, to provide tournament fans with information about the teams participating in each League-sponsored tournament/meet.

Web Site, www.riil.org keeps member schools up to date on League activities, rules and events.

Recognition

The League sponsors the:

Hall of Fame, for the most distinguished individuals involved in high school fine arts and athletics.

Tournaments

The League:

Administers state tournaments in 28 athletic events for its member schools.

Assists the media outlets statewide in their coverage of high school sports.

Provides accident insurance for every student, coach, and official that participates in a league-sponsored activity.

Online @ www.riil.org
### RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
#### GIRLS PARTICIPATION CHART

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| TOTAL BOYS   | 473  | 12811 | 486 | 14277 | 505 | 14653 | 515 | 15350 | 497 | 15518 |
| GIRLS        | 385  | 9417  | 439 | 10095 | 440 | 10121 | 441 | 10621 | 444 | 10837 |

| TOTAL B & G  | 858  | 22228 | 925 | 24372 | 945 | 24774 | 956 | 25971 | 941 | 26355 **|

**Total number of individual students participating — 17,006
Total number of students in multiple sports — 6,993**
It is indeed a pleasure for me to submit the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Principals’ Committee on Athletics 2005-2006 Annual Report to the Rhode Island Principal’s Association.

I am excited and look forward to the challenges of 2006-2007. However, I recognize that one can not be successful and attain their goals unless they have the cooperation and assistance from others. With the help of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League staff, the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, School Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Officials and Volunteers we hope to maintain the mission and high standards that the RIIl has embodied for many years. Their hard work and service in advocating and supporting what is best for the student-athletes we serve, and their role in the success of the League is acknowledged and appreciated.

The Principals’ Committee on Athletics, operating under its corporate title of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, provides its member principals and their schools an opportunity to compete on a statewide basis in a sports program administered by principals. The League sports include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Soccer, Fast and Slow Pitch Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, and Wrestling. In excess of twenty-seven thousand (27,000) girls and boys on nine hundred fifty-three (953) individual school teams participated in the aforementioned sports offered by the League representing fifty-six (56) public, private, and parochial member schools.

The 2005-2006 school year has been a very busy one for the League staff and the Principals’ Committee on Athletics. In addition to the monthly meeting(s) of the Committee, many standing committees and ad hoc committees have met throughout the year to deal with issues being addressed by the League.

The Waiver Request Hearing Committee heard a total of twenty-four (24) waiver requests for eligibility issues such as transfer, eight-semester, age, academic eligibility, and foreign exchange. In addition, the Principals’ Committee heard seven (7) appeals of decisions rendered by the Waiver Request Hearing Committee. This has proved to be a very successful process for two reasons. It added another level for hearings, which allowed the unsuccessful applicant(s) to appeal to the Principals’ Committee on Athletics. Secondly, it reduced the number of hearings conducted by the Principals’ Committee on Athletics.

In September 2005, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League conducted its Annual Conference for Principals/Assistant Principals and Athletic Administrators. The workshop was held at Johnson and Wales University, Harborside Campus in Providence. The purpose of the program was to prepare for the upcoming school year. Many issues pertinent to supervising and administering high school athletic programs for the League’s fifty-six (56) member schools were addressed. A distinguished panel representing the RIIl Sports Medicine Advisory Committee presented information and answered questions relating to the need for Athletic Trainers at all high school sport activities. The message they delivered was critical to the medical needs of our athletes, and from all feedback had a significant impact on our school administrators.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League inducted ten (10) outstanding individuals into the Rhode Island Interscholastic League High School Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2006. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to preserving the colorful tradition of high school athletics in Rhode Island and seeks to highlight the past in order to insure a promising future for Rhode Island high school athletics. The ten (10) inductees were chosen after a two-level selection process involving the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the Principals’ Committee on Athletics. The inductees were: Salvatore J. Augeri, Louis A. Cimini, Jane C. Hale, Joyce Ryan Harvey, John B. Harwood, Anne L. Hird, Richard B. Lynch, John H. Rollins, Edward C. Stebbins (posthumously), and Mark van Eeghen. They were inducted on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the Quidnessett Country Club.
The 2005-2006 year marked the end of the two (2) year alignment for all Rhode Island Interscholastic League sports. Beginning in the fall of 2006 all sports will have new school alignments. This alignment will be for four (4) years (Fall 2006 – June 2010). The criteria for alignment were approved by the Principals’ Committee on Athletics.

A Strategic Planning Committee was organized to develop the first RIIl Strategic Plan. After numerous meetings the Strategic Planning Committee presented the RIIl Strategic Plan to the Principals’ Committee on Athletics for approval. At the June 2006 meeting, the Principals’ Committee on Athletics approved the RIIl Strategic Plan. Also included and approved in this plan is a Financial Policies and Procedures Manual for the Rhode Island Interscholastic League.

The RIIl Strategic Plan established a long-range direction for the League and provides a clear focus for future planning. It also provides a framework for improving programs, management functions and the evaluation of our organization’s progress.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, the Strategic Planning Committee, the League staff, the sport directors, and all the people who volunteer their services for their dedication, cooperation, and hard work. The success of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is due to the efforts of these outstanding people.

Working with the RI State Police, RI Department of Transportation, AAA of Southern New England, and WBRU Radio Station, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League organized and implemented a “Buckle Up Teens! Seatbelt safety TV/Radio Commercial Challenge.” Over 23 schools participated and winners of the contest were presented cash prizes. The winners will have their TV and radio commercials aired as part of a campaign aimed at raising seatbelt use among teenagers.

New Corporate Sponsors for the League included: Nike, Sovereign Bank, Citizens Bank, Dunkin Donuts, Shamrock Lacrosse, and Medtronic. The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is thankful for the support and generosity of all of our sponsors. Through their efforts our student-athletes and the Rhode Island Interscholastic League can continue to offer high quality programs. MetLife, our Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer Sponsor, has teamed up with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League for the past 25 years! MetLife Auto and Home’s support of Interscholastic League soccer remains the longest-running corporate sponsorship in Rhode Island high school sports.

During the year, agreements were reached with all sport officials’ associations. As in the past, the agreement included a three percent (3%) increase per year over the next three (3) years.

A new two (2) year agreement was reached with the RI Rink Managers Association. Under this agreement, the association’s game guarantee was increased. In addition, the League agreed to pay athletic trainers for all games. In return, the association agreed to continue to provide quality ice time and facilities for our teams. In January, the Cranston Memorial Ice Rink closed due to a fire. Thanks to the cooperation of all other rinks, we were able to complete our regular season schedule and playoffs.

The following administrators served on the Principals’ Committee on Athletics during the 2005-2006 school year or a part of it:

  John Gray, Chairperson
  Elizabeth Marquis, Assistant Chairperson
  Colleen Gribbin
  Denise Boulé
  Robert Cooney
  John Craig
  Edward Daft
  Paula Dinoto
  Gerald Foley
  Cheryl Gomes

  Candace Caluori  Resigned Oct 2005
  Donald Kavanagh
  Robert Littlefield
  Kevin McNamara  Appointed Oct 2005
  Frederick Silva
  Dan Warner
  Marie Johnson
  Appointed Oct 2005
Listed below is a list of issues/topics that were addressed by the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, including, but not limited to:

1. Approved a change in the following RIIL Rules:
   - Article 19, Section 4.A - Medical personnel assigned to Hockey rinks.
   - Article 2, Section 3.B.1 – Playoff Finals Attendance.
   - Article 9, Section 9.H – Suspension of Activities Due to Weather.
   - Article 6, Section 6.A – Athlete Ejections.
   - Article 6, Section 6.B.3 – Coach Ejection.
   - Article 3, Section 4.E – Student Placements.
   - Article 1, Section 20.A – RIIL Tournament Supervisors.

2. Approved rule changes in the following sport:
   - Boys’ and Girls’ Ice Hockey – Article 19, Section 5 C & D – Overtime Periods.

3. Approved a change in the Hockey Alignment for the 2005-2006 season.

4. Approved the establishment of a Cooperative Team in Boys’ Ice Hockey between Rogers and Tiverton high schools; Girls’ Hockey between Bishop Keough/Wheeler/Saint Raphael’s.

5. Approved the Budget for 2005-06 year.

6. Placed the following schools on probation: Hope High School and Cranston West High School.

7. Commended both Bishop Hendricken High School and Hope High School for their compliance with the terms of their probation.

8. Approved a new Basketball Playoff Format for the Boys’ and Girls’ Finals at the Ryan Center.


10. Approved the establishment of the Citizenship, Leadership and Sportsmanship Committee, to be chaired by Dan Warner, principal of Narragansett High School.


12. Approved a Sport Director Checklist.

13. Approved a new three (3) year T-shirt Contract with Martin Screen Print Company.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League would like to recognize and thank the following corporate sponsors for their generous support of the League and the student-athletes it serves: AAA, Amica Insurance, Baden Athletic Balls, Citizens Bank, Cox Communications, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Empire Corporate Federal Credit Union, Martin Screen Prints, Medtronics, MetLife Auto & Home, MF Athletics, Nike, Pawtucket Red Sox, Penn Monto, Pepsi, Shamrock Lacrosse, Sovereign Bank, Spalding, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, and Wright’s Farm.

The Principals Committee on Athletics is deeply grateful to the Rhode Island Association of School Principals for their continued support of its membership. Without the strong support of the principals of our member schools, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League would not enjoy the level of success that presently exists. The Committee would like to thank John Gray and Betty Marquis, Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson respectively, of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, for their leadership, expertise, and support. A thank you also to the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, Sport Directors, and Standing Committee members for their dedication and hard work.
As Executive Director, I would like to acknowledge and express my appreciation to Richard Magarian, Assistant Executive Director; for his cooperation, support and efforts on behalf of the League and its student-athletes. I would also like to thank Jane Hale, RIIL Treasurer; Ruth Nicastro, Secretary; Susana Borges, Secretary; and Gail Lepore, Secretary; for the important role they play in the success of the League.

Respectfully Submitted,

RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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John Gray
Chairperson
Principals’ Committee on Athletics

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Thomas A. Mezzanotte
Executive Director
The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, which consists of the state high school associations of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Guam, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and all provinces of Canada are affiliate members.

The objectives of the National Federation of State High School Associations are to:

Serve, protect, and enhance the interstate activity interests of the high schools belonging to the state associations;
Assist in those activities of the state associations which can best be operated on a nationwide scale;
Sponsor meetings, publications, and activities which will permit each state association to profit by the experience of all other member associations;
Coordinate the work so duplication will be minimized;
Formulate, copyright, and publish rules of play or event conduct pertaining to interscholastic activities;
Preserve interscholastic athletic records, and the tradition and heritage of interscholastic sports;
Provide programs, services, material and assistance to state associations, high schools and individual professionals involved in the conduct and administration of interscholastic activities;
Study in general all phases of interscholastic activities and serve as a national resource for information pertaining thereto;
Identify needs and problems related to interscholastic activities and, where practice, provide solutions thereto; and,
Promote the educational values of interscholastic activities to the nation’s public.

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